

Department of Natural Resources Impact in St. Croix County

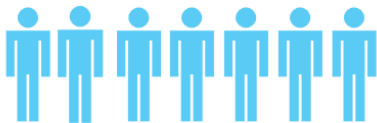
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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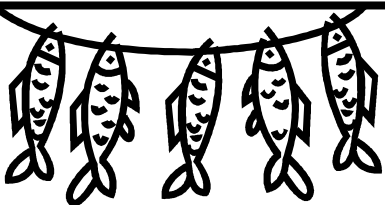
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In St. Croix County, **62,276** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Willow River State Park** had close to **248,735 visitors** making an estimated local **economic impact of \$12,436,750**.

\$481,160 was invested back into the infrastructure of St. Croix County's state properties.

DNR granted a total of **\$34,164** to the **St. Croix Sheriff Department** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

7,400 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Bass Lake** and **550** in **Squaw Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **667 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in St. Croix County.

Community Partnerships

DNR provided funding and staff support to the Farmer-Led Watershed Councils pilot project in St. Croix County. This pilot is a **cooperative effort among DNR, DATCP, UW-Extension and local producers to reduce nonpoint source pollution** in polluted waterways.

In 2014, **DNR entered into a \$14,950 contract** with the St. Croix County Department of Health and Human Services **to inspect and sample non-community public water systems**.

Snapshot of grants in St. Croix County

The City of New Richmond was awarded a **\$103,000 grant for the development of Buell Trail**.

DNR granted \$171,000 to purchase 3.55 acres of land in the City of River Falls for the Kinnickinnic River Protection project. The property will be open to the public for fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Since 2011, **St. Croix County** has received **\$36,151 in Urban Forestry grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs** such as tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer (EAB) preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training and public education.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$18,133 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

DNR granted \$14,706 to local Fire Departments in St. Croix County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Since 2005, **over 3,750 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in St. Croix County. The harvests provided over **\$51,852 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved cleanups at 332 contaminated properties resulting in 94 acres being made available for reuse.

DNR responded to **33 spills** of hazardous materials over the past 3 years.

DNR provided **\$133,519 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$33,232 in Brownfield grants** over the past 3 years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

Deer Management in St. Croix County

In 2014, St. Croix County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with one landowner who has 7 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 3,867 deer were registered in St. Croix County with 1,244 harvested during archery deer season and 2,623 harvested during the gun deer season.